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Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: As proposed (attached).

Identification of prior art discussed: Of record.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative's indication of paragraphs [0028-0030] in the original specification removes the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph. The proposed language appears to overcome the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph and 35 USC 102. The Examiner will not enter the proposed amendment after Final rejection because it readily does not place the case in condition for allowance in light of the Union Carbide reference.

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Thank you, BACON & THOMAS, PLLC.

Message: Examiner Pascua, please find attached the proposed claim amendments for discussion during our interview scheduled for 9:00 am on Thursday, June 14, 2007.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed above.

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PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS-NOT FOR ENTRY

1. (Currently Amended) A package comprising a pleated tube, said tube defining opposed first and second face panels joined at one end thereof to define an end closure and contiguously interconnected along their longitudinal edges by gusset sides each having a longitudinal and a transverse fold and extending inwardly relative to the longitudinal edges of the first and second face panels, each of the gusset sides including a vent configuration comprising at least one slit defined along a lower portion thereof near the end closure and spaced from the transverse fold;

wherein each vent configuration opens and closes in response to changes in air thrust and are further closed off when the package is in a filled state.

2. (Previously Presented) The package according to claim 1, wherein said tube is a spiral sewn tube.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 1 [[3]], wherein the at least one slit is arranged obliquely relative to the longitudinal edges of said first and second face panels.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The package according to claim 1, wherein when the package is in an expanded configuration, a first section of each face panel with its contiguous gusset portion is folded diagonally and in underlying relation thereto, said first sections extending in opposite directions inwardly along a generally common

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transverse line disposed at right angles to the longitudinal edges of the face panels, and a second section of each face panel extending in the same direction outwardly from said common transverse line to a transverse terminal edge and with the contiguous gusset portions therebetween, the first and second sections of the face panels constituting an outer bottom panel forming a generally flat bottom for said package.

7. (Previously Presented) The package according to claim 6, wherein the vent configuration is defined within the first and second sections of the face panels.

8. (Previously Presented) The package according to claim 1, wherein the package is constructed of a woven polyolefin fabric.

9. (Previously Presented) The package according to claim 8, wherein an entire interior surface or an exterior surface of the package is provided with a polymeric coating.

10. (Currently Amended) A bag of polyolefin woven fabric, said bag comprising first and second face panels, gusseted side panels formed from a longitudinal and a transverse fold, a single seam closing an end of the bag to define an end closure, and at least one opening defined as a slit along the gusseted side panels near said end closure spaced from the transverse fold;

wherein the at least one opening is configured to open and close in response to changes in air thrust and is further closed off when the bag is in a filled state.

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11. (Previously Presented) The bag according to claim 10, wherein when the bag is in an expanded configuration, a first section of each face panel and a contiguous gusset portion are folded diagonally and in underlying relation thereto, portions of the first sections extending in opposite directions inwardly along a generally common transverse line disposed at right angles to the longitudinal edges of the face panels, and a second section of each face panel extending in the same direction outwardly from said common transverse line to a transverse terminal edge and with contiguous gusset portions therebetween, the first and second sections of the face panels constituting an outer bottom panel forming a generally flat bottom for the bag.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The bag according to claim 10, wherein the at least one opening is arranged obliquely relative to lateral edges of said first and second face panels.

15. (Currently Amended) Cotton bale packaging comprising first and second face panels, gusseted side panels each formed from a longitudinal and a transverse fold, a single seam joining an end of the first and second face panels to define an end closure, and a plurality of openings defined as slits along said gusseted side panels near said end closure spaced from the transverse fold;

wherein the plurality of openings are configured to open and close in response to changes in air thrust and are further closed off when the packaging is in a filled state.

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16. (Previously Presented) The cotton bale packaging according to claim 15, wherein when the cotton bale packaging is in an expanded configuration, a first section of each face panel and a contiguous gusset portion are folded diagonally and in underlying relation thereto, portions of the first sections extending in opposite directions inwardly along a generally common transverse line disposed at right angles to the longitudinal edges of the face panels, and a second section of each face panel extending in the same direction outwardly from said common transverse line to a transverse terminal edge and with contiguous gusset portions therebetween, the first and second sections of the face panels constituting an outer bottom panel forming a generally flat bottom for the cotton bale packaging.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The cotton bale packaging according to claim 15, wherein the plurality of openings are defined as slits arranged in a preselected pattern.

19. (Previously Presented) The cotton bale packaging according to claim 15, wherein the at least one opening is arranged obliquely relative to longitudinal edges of the first and second face panels.

20. (Previously Presented) The cotton bale packaging according to claim 15, wherein interior surfaces or exterior surfaces of the packaging are provided with a polymeric coating.